



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Public Social Services
Chief Deputy Director of the Department of
Community and Senior Services

At its meeting held October 5, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Director of Public Social Services' joint recommendation with the Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Community and Senior Services: Instruct the Director of Public Social Services, as recommended in the Auditor-Controller's RITE Contractor Monitoring Status Report provided to the Board on July 30, 2004, to assume responsibility for providing direct case-management services to non-English/non-Spanish speaking RITE participants, effective January 1, 2005; also authorize the Director Public Social Services to execute amendment to contract with the Los Angeles County Office of Education to provide Orientation and Job Club to non-English/non-Spanish-Speaking participants, effective January 1, 2005; and instruct the Director of Pubic Social Services and the Chief Deputy of Community and Senior Services to work with the Auditor-Controller to recoup overpayments identified in their monitoring reviews of the RITE contractors, as specified in the Auditor-Controller's RITE Contractor Monitoring Status Report.

Brenda Thomas and Bill Fraser of the Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Nora Ashjian of the Armenian Evangelical Social Service Center, Stephen Voss, President of the International Institute, Alla Skustrav from CBD College, Alan Heshel from the Community Based Education Organization, Suzan Pour-Sanae of SEIU/Local 660, and other interested persons addressed the Board.

After discussion, Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a motion that the Board continue the Director of Public Social Services' aforementioned joint recommendation with the Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Community and Senior Services, one week to October 12, 2004. Said motion failed for lack of a second.

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“The RITE Providers have performed an important role in our community. They provide welfare and employment services to our immigrant community. Most of the agencies found to be corrupt have been closed and employees prosecuted. The remaining agencies are confident they can perform the contracts with the proper oversight.”

Therefore, Supervisor Antonovich made a motion that the Board temporarily bring all RITE contracts back in-house as recommended in the Auditor-Controller's RITE Contractor Monitoring Status Report provided to the Board on July 30, 2004, until a new Request for Proposals (RFP) can be issued with a new design for criteria and performance measurements.

Bryce Yokomizo, Director of Public Social Services, and J. Tyler McCauley, Auditor-Controller, answered questions posed by the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Directed the Chief Deputy of Community and Senior Services to retain the outsourcing of all current RITE contracts until their extension date of December 31, 2004 expires, unless otherwise determined by the Board;
2. Directed the Director of Public Social Services to prepare a Request for Proposal that:
 - a. Contains performance measures to ensure contractors are held accountable for all work performed;
 - b. Is sensitive to the bicultural and bilingual needs of this population;
 - c. Has a clear definition of the roles and responsibilities of the RITE contractors; and
3. Return back to the Board by November 16, 2004 for approval of the RFP and determinations by the Board.

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